

Child Nutrition Bill includes Key Provisions Championed by Moore

Washington, DC – Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation that includes provisions championed by Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) that help increase access to school breakfast and afterschool snacks and meals for low-income children.

Moore has introduced legislation that expands school breakfast programs and access to after school snack and third meal programs. The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act includes much of what Moore's legislation aims to accomplish and now goes to President Obama to become law.

Congresswoman Moore said, **“Just last month, USDA reported that nearly 1 million American children don’t know when they’ll have their next meal. This is a crisis, and it’s not getting better. By helping schools offer more meals to students in need, either in the morning or after school, we confront this crisis head on. And even beyond that, we help improve chances for our kids to do better in school because we know that when children go to school hungry, it’s harder for them to succeed. I look forward to watching President Obama sign my provisions into law.”**

Provisions championed by Moore included in the legislation, include:

- A grant program to help schools expand or start school breakfast programs. And these grants are targeted to schools where the most students qualify for free or reduced priced meals.
- Allowing after school programs in every state to use existing funding to serve afterschool meals and snacks.

The legislation also sets nutritional standards to help curb childhood obesity.

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